

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 14 as follows:

1.-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Currently Amended) A protective casing (12) for an electronic appliance (10), comprising:

a bottom shell (16);

a top shell (18) including an opening (20) and a fixing area (32) adjacent said opening (20);

a display screen (14) disposed between said bottom shell (16) and said top shell (18), said display screen (14) viewable through said opening (20); and

a transparent body (22) including a surface area (30) inclined with respect to an overall plane of said transparent body (22), said surface area (30) being affixed to said fixing area (32), said body to close closing said opening (20).

15. (Previously Presented) The protective casing (12) as claimed in claim 14,

wherein said inclined surface area (30) extends over an entire periphery of said transparent body (22).

16. (Previously Presented) The protective casing (12) as claimed in claim 14,

wherein said fixing area (32) is inclined with respect to an overall plane of said opening (20).

17. (Previously Presented) The protective casing (12) as claimed in claim 14, further comprising:

a decorative cladding (38) disposed between said inclined surface area (30) and said fixing area (32).

18. (Previously Presented) The protective casing (12) as claimed in claim 14, further comprising;

an insert (56) affixing said inclined surface area (30) to said fixing area (32), said insert (56) being inclined with respect to an overall plane of said fixing area (32).

19. (Previously Presented) The protective casing (12) as claimed in claim 15,

wherein said fixing area (32) includes an orifice (60); and  
wherein said insert (56) includes a stud extending through said orifice (60).

20. (Previously Presented) The protective casing (12) as claimed in claim 15, further comprising:

a decorative cladding (38) disposed between said inclined surface area (30) and said insert (56).